

English Homework n°4 on **January 24th, 2024.**

I.

A. If we listen to Peter Abernathy carefully, we can notice that, sometimes, he seems uneasy, he is almost stammering. These moments correspond with personality change, since he is a robot.

B. We can pick up a lot of remarkable phrases, written by William Shakespeare, the famous playwright :

_« When we are born, we cry that we are come to this great stage of fools. », (King Lear, Act IV, Scene VI) ;

_« by a most mechanical and dirty hand » (The Tempest) ;

_« I will have such revenge on you both » (King Lear) ;

_« I will do such things, what they are yet I know not but they will be the terror of the earth » (King Lear) ;

They are also two other remarkable phrases :

_« I am who I am », a song by Lax Fabien ;

_« Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose », written by Gertrude Stein as part of the poem « Sacred Emily » in 1913.

C. These quotations show that robots are becoming human beings, with a lot of feeling :

_fear, after birth ;

_love, for Dolores in the present case (Dolores is Abernathy's daughter) ;

_anger and revenge.

The Stein's quotation is interpreted as meaning « things are what they are », a statement of the law of identity. This sentence expresses the fact that simply with the name of a thing already invokes the imaginary and emotions associated with it. Here, Abernathy shows he is becoming human.

II.

This extract suggests various questions about science and its applications :

_first, the opposition between advantages and inconvenients of the

science ;

_but, it seems that the real questions are about applications of science ; there is not inconvenient of science, the real discussion is about utilisation of science and there is a moral conflict ;

_this moral conflict appears also with the questions of limits of the science, especially in the case of life or death. Can Man becomes God ?